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14 July 1954

Mr. Cyril Clemens President International Mark Twain Society Kirkwood, Missouri

Dear Mr. Clemens:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to express his appreciation for your note of 8 July and your invitation to speak at the Mark Twain Birthday Banquet on 30 Mewember.

The nature of his work dictates that Mr. Dulles attempt to keep out of the public eye as much as possible, and therefore, he regretfully must decline your invitation.

I return your enclosure to you as you requested.

Sincerely,

(SME)
Assistant to the Director

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